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Rock Island—From River to River.

DO NOT litter the streets with waste paper. Destroy it or place it in the proper receptacles, thus contributing to the municipal commission's efforts in behalf of clean streets.

It so happens that hard roads can't be built without someone paying for them.

Elithu Root has eminently qualified himself to write the war plank in the Roosevelt platform.

Flirting with the republican nomination is a forlorn business for other candidates so long as T. R. is alive and kicking.

The suffragist plan to bombard hostile congressmen with poems outdoes all previous manifestations of woman's inhumanity to man.

A Northwestern university co-ed was awarded the prize for oratory over three men competitors. The effort of the young woman was no doubt the last word in oratorical masterpieces.

Congress is again considering the Stephens bill—in a slightly altered form from that in which it appeared last session—making it illegal for dealers to sell articles below the price fixed and advertised by the manufacturer. The purpose, of course it is to protect the "regular" dealer from the "cut-rate" dealer. There are some arguments in favor of the measure, but it is extremely unlikely if the bill could stand the test of constitutionality. So far as the consumer is concerned, he is naturally opposed to it.

A NEW ANGLE OF THE ATTACK.

A Washington special dispatch to the Chicago Tribune develops a new angle of the systematic attacks in the warfare being waged by the ammunition interests against Congressman Clyde H. Tavenner. The dispatch referred to reads:

Charges that Congressman Tavenner of Illinois has hoodwinked Henry Ford into believing him a pacifist when, in truth, he is nothing more than a preparedness pork seeker were made here tonight by the Navy League of the United States.

In a letter to Mr. Ford A. H. Dammun, secretary of the league, takes up the purported plan of Mr. Ford to distribute copies of speeches by Mr. Tavenner in a country-wide campaign against preparedness, calling attention to Mr. Tavenner's expressed willingness to join the Navy League in framing a bill for adequate defense if the league will support his proposal for government manufacture of munitions.

Secretary Dammun also points out that Mr. Tavenner introduced two bills in congress calling for the enlargement of the Rock Island, Ill., federal arsenal, situated in his district, at a cost of \$1,000,000 and an armor plate factory to cost \$6,000,000. In conclusion the letter says that Mr. Tavenner "is shown up as a man seeking to use preparedness to secure pork for his own district. He offers to join with the Navy League if it will adopt a program which will help him get that pork."

Now isn't that terrible! Congressman Tavenner has not by spoken or written word declared himself against preparedness. He has fought, and is still fighting the evils that have become a part of the manufacture of munitions productive of results directly opposite to preparedness. He is fighting the expenditure of millions annually for the benefit of the trust without producing any benefit to the cause of preparedness.

It is exposure of this long abuse made in his speeches on the floor of the national house of representatives that Mr. Ford wants spread broadcast over the country—and is willing to pay for its distribution. Mr. Tavenner having exhausted all the resources and privileges that belong to him in the matter of circulation of congressional literature. The facts are what have attracted Mr. Ford and, recognizing in Mr. Tavenner an honest man with courage of conviction, who knows what he is talking about, the Detroit man is anxious that the country should be awakened to a realization of what for years has been going on in Washington.

The dread of the exposure of past plots has aroused a keen solicitude in the minds of the interests about Mr. Ford's estimate of Mr. Tavenner. Hav-

ing attempted by every other means to counteract the effect of the Tavenner attack, first by studied indifference, then by misrepresentation, then by threats and warnings, they are now seeking to discredit him. In this way they are doomed to the same ignominious failure that has attended all their efforts.

Representative Tavenner knows the benefit of government manufacture, because of the fact that the greatest arsenal in the country is in his district. He is familiar with its operations and is able to show how much more cheaply and how much more honestly Uncle Sam can make his own supplies than they can be made for him. If it is "pork" to save the people money by the use and improvement of great ordnance plants already established and in operation, then the interests will have to be allowed to harp against it.

The impression which the people have is that the real "pork" is in the kind of preparedness the interests are fighting for and which Clyde H. Tavenner is fighting against.

Meanwhile, the question that will naturally be uppermost in the minds of the people is, why doesn't the Navy League take Mr. Tavenner up on his proposition—or show some valid objection to so doing.

SHODDY GOODS.

Americans who pride themselves on the superiority of America in things mechanical will hardly enjoy the following arraignment of American machinery by Lieutenant J. E. C. Scott, aeronautical engineer of the British aviation corps:

"We are constantly having trouble with the machines made over here. Do you know that, in this country, the manufacturers actually do not understand the specifications imposed by the purchasing governments in regard to motor manufacturing—the quality of steel and such things? You have not a single motor that is satisfactory, and there are only about six makers in the United States who produce machines that can really fly. Even these cannot compare with the average home-made machine."

Lieutenant Scott has put his criticism of American machines and material in a very kindly way. Perhaps he preferred to believe ignorance rather than intent to blame for supplying goods below specifications.

Richard Harding Davis, war correspondent, recently returned from the Balkans, is not so tender of American feelings. Perhaps he is more thoroughly acquainted with American manufacturers, or feels freer to criticize because he is one of us. At any rate he puts his finding more boldly, like this:

"They believe over there that we are false friends. You know the French army found that when they bought shells from American manufacturers a number of the shells fell about five hundred yards from the mouth of the gun. They bought shoes from us and found they were made of paper instead of leather. Such things have become generally known and the French have an idea that we are trying to make money out of their misfortune."

America recognizes the fact that many of its manufacturers are crooked. It has passed pure food laws to prevent the adulteration of foods; pure drug laws to prevent the adulteration of drugs, and there is now pending before congress a measure designed to prohibit interstate commerce in adulterated and misbranded goods of any sort. That is our record at home, but it is regrettable that the greed of American exporters was too great to permit us to keep our family skeleton locked up in the closet of the states.

The man who adulterates goods of any sort and sells them for first class goods is a thief, unworthy to associate with the men who break into stores or rob at the muzzle of a pistol. The same law that incarcerates the burglar, the porch-climber and the highwayman should apply to the adulterator and misbrander.

With what sort of a reputation America will emerge from this war is doubtful, but from present indication it will not be of a nature to develop a boastful spirit.



The street is a great university. It graduates more young men than any other institution in this country, giving an optional course in sexual physiology. On the street, the lad of 16 and under learns more than his father thinks he knows at 20. The course is didactic, but effective. On graduation, the boy is a genuine Smart Aleck and he knows as much as the most boastful simpleton that airs his views in the barbershop or the corner saloon.

In order to uniform the graduate of the street, there is now a movement under way to have young men, if not young women too, taught what every human being has a right to know—the truth about life. The vicious views imparted to the boy on the street lead directly to disaster. The ignorance of the man about town is phenomenal; even he seldom realizes what a fool he has been, until it is too late to save his health from utter ruin.

It is a father's sacred duty to see to it that his son receives competent instruction in the great truths of life before the boy is misled by ignorant companions. If the father himself does not feel competent to teach the boy these things, let him ask the family doctor to do it. The boy and the doctor can have a friendly little talk, man to man, and get things straight. This, we believe, is a lot more effective than lectures or instruction given to classes of boys. When you take the boy all alone for a confidential chat, you impress him more positively than when he is one of a class, we think. Real knowledge never yet spoiled

Selected by Tavenner

WARRIOR OF 42 BATTLES DERIDES U. S. JINGOES.

BY GEN. ISAAC R. SHERWOOD. (Representative in congress from Ohio, veteran of 42 Civil war battles, decorated by President Lincoln for conspicuous gallantry. From a recent speech in congress.)

In all our history from the first proclamation of the federal constitution, no political party, no leading statesman nor publicist, has ever before advocated a great standing army and navy in time of peace. Whenever we are liable to be confronted with an armed enemy I will vote for as many armed men and as much money as the president may demand; and furthermore, I will volunteer to go to the front, which is more than any of the powerful array of culpable curmudgeons, who originated this war scare, will ever do.

At the end of the five-year period for the proposed defense program this country would then be expending on its army and navy more than any nation in the world in time of peace ever expended. We now have the second strongest navy in the world with no enemy in sight, and nothing to do but waste powder in target practice, collect war scares, and give tone and polish to our flamboyant Washington society. In the name of the Great Jehovah and the continental congress, as General Ethan Allen remarked, what has become of that vital plank of the Baltimore platform pledging the democratic party to economy and the abolition of useless offices?

I understand that the continental army plan of Secretary Garrison originated in the war college, which was the favorite militant child of Colonel Roosevelt. Hence the scheme has a wild and woolly flavor.

How utterly idiotic is the idea that any European nation, exhausted in fighting men, with business and industry paralyzed, loaded down with a debt that staggers belief and cannot be paid, with its land filled with millions of widows and five times as many fatherless children, with millions of maimed and crippled soldiers—legless, armless, insane and slightless—is going to make an impossible crossing of 3,600 miles of ocean, with an army that it is impossible to equip or transport, and attack 100,000,000 people of the

United States, with whom there is no quarrel?

14,960,000 AS WAR'S LOSSES. Special Cable to the Washington Post. London.—The gross casualties of the war to January, 1916, reached the enormous total of 14,960,000. These figures have been computed from official statements of the losses by Great Britain and her allies, and are estimated for the Teutonic allies.

The number of killed is estimated at one in every five of the gross casualties, and prisoners also at one in every seven. Upon this basis it is found that the total killed number, 2,990,000 prisoners, 2,140,000, while 9,830,000 have been wounded.

There are now at least 21,000,000 men under arms in the different theatres of war.

PATRIOTISM IN THE WEST.

"The west is indifferent to preparedness."

That was what Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, told the members of the National Special Aid society, an association formed in New York for the purpose of boosting the preparedness program.

Speaking of the men of the west, he said:

"I fear that we can't depend on them for patriotism; they are too much absorbed in business, and they haven't much faith in a defense society started in New York City."

In some ways Mr. Carlton is right. He is quite right when he said that the west is indifferent to Johnny-get-your-gun preparedness; that it is absorbed in the business of peace; and that it has small faith in defense societies fostered by battleship constructors and makers of munitions of war.

But as to the patriotism of the men of the west—

The best evidence is what has been written on the pages of American history by the men of the west, concerning wars the United States has fought. Also the noisy clamor of the munition maker is not the west's idea of real patriotism. New York can find no parallel to her draft riots of the Civil war in any part of the "unpatriotic" west.—North American Home.

WRITE UNCLE SAM FOR BULLETINS

Have you ever availed yourself of the opportunity to obtain free agricultural bulletins from Uncle Sam? If not, you should do so at once.

The department of agriculture has just issued a new list of bulletins, which includes some of the most interesting and valuable pamphlets ever offered to the public.

Five or six bulletins are available to each applicant. You can obtain them by marking not to exceed six of the following list and mailing to Congressman Clyde H. Tavenner, in care of the capitol, Washington, D. C. Be careful to write your name and address very plainly in making your application.

Farmers' Bulletins.

- 22—The Feeding of Farm Animals.
- 34—Meats; Composition and Cooking.
- 51—Standard Varieties of Chickens.
- 55—The Dairy Herd.
- 61—Asparagus Culture.
- 77—The Lining of Soils.
- 106—Breeds of Dairy Cattle.
- 170—Principles of Horse Feeding.
- 179—Horsehoofing.
- 185—Beautifuling the Home Grounds.
- 203—Canned Fruits, Preserves and Jellies.
- 204—The Cultivation of Mushrooms.
- 205—Pig Management.
- 213—Raspberries.
- 220—Tomatoes.
- 230—The Corrosion of Fence Wire.
- 245—Renovation of Worn-out Soils.
- 255—The Home Vegetable Garden.
- 256—Preparation of Vegetables for the Table.
- 257—Soil Fertility.

270—Modern Conveniences for the Farm Home.

- 282—Celery.
- 287—Poultry Management.
- 301—Home-Grown Tea.
- 345—Common Disinfectants.
- 347—The Repair of Farm Equipment.
- 351—The Tuberculin Test of Cattle for Tuberculosis.
- 354—Onion Culture.
- 359—Canning Vegetables in the Home.
- 369—How to Destroy Rats.
- 372—Soy Beans.
- 377—Harmfulness of Headache Mixtures.
- 379—How Cholera.
- 389—Bread and Bread Making.
- 391—Economic Use of Meat in the Home.
- 395—Sixty-day and Kherson Oats.
- 400—A More Profitable Cornplanting Method.
- 403—The Construction of Concrete Fence Posts.
- 406—Soil Conservation.
- 424—Oats: Growing the Crop.
- 437—A System of Tenant Farming and Its Results.
- 438—Hog Houses.
- 447—Bees.
- 449—Rabies or Hydrophobia.
- 452—Capons and Caponizing.
- 460—Frames as a Factor in Truck Growing.
- 605—Sudan Grass.
- 607—The Farm Kitchen as a Workshop.
- 608—Removing Garlic Flavor From Milk and Cream.
- 461—The Use of Concrete on the Farm.
- 473—Tuberculosis.
- 474—Use of Paint on the Farm.
- 475—Ice Houses.
- 478—How to Prevent Typhoid Fever.
- 480—Practical Methods of Disinfecting Stables.
- 481—Concrete Construction on the Live Stock Farm.
- 487—Cheese and Its Economical Uses in the Diet.
- 491—The Profitable Management of the Small Apple Orchard on the General Farm.
- 493—The English Sparrow as a Pest.
- 494—Lawns and Lawn Soils.
- 495—Alfalfa Seed Production.
- 496—Raising Belgian Hares and Other Rabbits.
- 503—Comb Honey.
- 505—Benefits of Improved Roads.
- 507—The Smuts of Wheat, Oats, Barley and Corn.
- 516—The Production of Maple Sirup and Sugar.
- 518—Winter Barley.
- 521—Canning Tomatoes at Home and in Club Work.
- 524—The Drainage on the Farm.
- 528—Hints to Poultry Raisers.
- 530—Important Poultry Diseases.
- 533—Good Seed Potatoes and How to Produce Them.
- 534—Durum Wheat.
- 541—Farm Buttermaking.
- 551—The Cultivation of American Ginseng.
- 565—Corn Meal as a Food and Ways of Using It.
- 566—Boys' Pig Clubs.
- 572—A System of Farm Cost Accounting.
- 574—Poultry House Construction.
- 576—Breeds of Sheep for the Farm.
- 578—The Handling and Feeding of Silage.
- 583—The Common Mole.
- 588—Economic Cattle Feeding in the Corn Belt.
- 589—Homemade Silos.
- 593—How to Use Farm Credit.
- 594—Shipping Eggs by Parcel Post.
- 597—The Road Drag and How It Is Used.

CHORDS AND DISCORDS

ALL in favor of inaugurating a pay-week in Rock Island will indicate by answering aye. The motion is lost.

BARBER, called as a juror in the Lorimer trial, said that all politicians were "corrupt in barber shop conversation." In other words, the razor wielder is neutral when it comes to politicians.

ANOTHER, being examined for jury service in the Lorimer trial, said that he had been a republican, switched to the bull moose camp, then finally voted the democratic ticket, further proving that education is one of the greatest privileges of living in a free country.

WE have with us this evening an old friend, one who has, as the orator will truthfully tell you, done more for a free people than any being that ever trod mother earth. Ladies and gentlemen, meet G. Washington. Long may his spirit wave.

Warning is issued from Springfield that sellers of bad eggs will be prosecuted. Most people will take this as another yolk.

NEW YORK state is credited with one-tenth of the population of the nation. The figures are considerably increased, however, when all the chorus girls are on Broadway.

Father Carries Out the Ashes.

Wanted—At once, good cook for small family; modern city home; no housework outside kitchen and dining room.—Adv in Bloomington Pantagraph.

Those Loving Friends.

"But she's clever at that. Trimming an old hat so that it looks like new is a trick few women can execute. But, of course, she has to do it."

"You know, dear, if I had a baby at home like she has I wouldn't be gadding about."

"It's a mystery to our whole set how they do it. I know their auto isn't half paid for, and I have heard it whispered, but wouldn't repeat it to another soul but you, that his creditors have been pressing him awfully hard. And he always appears so cheerful."

"Anybody can see that she doesn't care for her husband. If I were him I would never stand for her. I mentioned it to my husband, and he actually laughed at me. He said there wasn't anything to it. That's just the way with men. They certainly do stick up for each other."

ADOLF Bolm is a member of the Russian ballet cutting capers at the Auditorium, Chicago. He hasn't yet had a temperamental explosion, however.

HAVE you observed the tall lids lately to affect this spring? It will be rather embarrassing for the short man holding the umbrella. He simply can't do it.

REPRESENTATIVES of the coal operators and the United Mine Workers of America are having a conference in New York. Two weeks ago a meeting was held in Mobile, Ala. Well, the boys are seeing the country, anyway.

Macnates, Grab Him.

W. S. McCune, who is in from his cattle ranch in the North Park of Colorado, has grown athletic. He gets up muscle by pitching hay 90 miles south of Laramie.—Omaha World-Herald.

"**I DOUBT** if taking iron ever does harm," says Doc Evans. Differing considerably with statements from the war zone.

EDDIE Collins, star second baseman of the Chicago White Sox, is also preparedness. He has tried himself out as a platform booze wallpaper and has made good, presumably with the idea of giving Billy Sunday a run for evangelistic easy money when his baseball performing days are ended.

ONE of the Chicago taxi lines is to cut rates March 5 from \$4 to \$3 an hour. Hooray!

EMORY Titman, weight 400 pounds, is a son of the late president of the Pennsylvania Reduction company. Emory has just won a wife, a former actress. He's worth \$2,000,000. His friends are predicting that she will help him reduce—financially.

Passing the Buck.

Representative Buchanan of Chicago, who is under indictment in New York for conspiracy to foment plots in munitions factories, declares he is the victim of a newspaper plot.

Famous Slickers. Hermann, the Great. The eh. Count Von Bernstorff.

EXCESSIVE HOPES.

Some of the fellows you meet by the way. Say with a most hopeful grin: "Yes, I am sure to be will fixed some day. After my ship comes in."

Doubtless you do not belong to this group. But there are many, alack.

Who, having sent out an undersized sloop, Look for a battleship back.

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SETH Canine and Clara Beagle were recently wedded at Okaloosa. They are said to have put on considerable dog for the occasion.

J. M. C.

The Daily Story

A Mistake in Identity — By Oscar Cox.

Having been invited to spend the week end at Seabright, on Friday afternoon, suit case in hand, I appeared at the railway station. A pale faced child poked a bunch of violets under my nose and looked an appeal to buy them. I did so, and putting them in the buttonhole of my coat I strolled toward the door through which passengers were going to the trains.

"Are you Will?"

The voice came from a very pretty girl who was looking into my face inquiringly. My name is William, and it is so common for men that I was not especially surprised at being asked the question by a stranger, thinking her to have made a mistake in the person. My reply was:

"It is."

"I supposed so by the violets. Come; let us get on to the train. I have my ticket."

She slipped her arm through mine as confidently as if I belonged to her. Not knowing what to do I did nothing, but I fully intended to make her aware of her error at once.

"That last letter of Clara's," she said as we walked to the train, "decided me."

Curiosity here stepped in to take a hand. I wondered what Clara had said in the letter.

"Um," I said by way of saying nothing. But by this time we reached the car steps, and I handed the young lady in. She took a seat, and I sat down beside her. I had thus far taken no advantage of her mistake. I would let her go on a little further before heading her off. I have noticed that if a woman has anything to say she will usually say it without encouragement.

"Clara is just too lovely for anything," said the girl.

"Um!"

"She has been very kind to me. When she wrote me that you had grown tired of your lonely life, that a big city like New York is of all places in the world the most desolate, that you wished she would introduce you to some girl who would make you a good wife and without the bother of a courtship, I realized that it was the same for men as for women, and, while I didn't like your words—the bother of courting—I felt that in the main you were right. Then I received her letter making the arrangement for us to spend the week end with her and saying that you would meet me for this train and would wear a boutonniere of violets."

I had got the whole story in a nutshell. There was none of that shooting out in different directions like a bursting rocket, but a concise narration of facts. Just then the conductor came along taking tickets. My companion showed one for Dune, a station not quite so far as Seabright. Both tickets

were taken up, and she did not see that mine was for a different station from hers. I began to explain:

"I dare say you will blame me when you have heard"—

"Clara told me all about your marriage and divorce," she interrupted. "I may as well say right here that I don't consider you in the least to blame. Indeed I don't see how you could have acted otherwise."

"Why not make the break right here?" I concluded to plunge.

"I am not a divorced man," I said. "I have never been married. I think you must have made a mistake. For whom have you taken me?"

She looked at me in astonishment. "Clara gave me no name except Will. She said your other name would come later if the affair proceeded."

"I am quite sure there has been a mistake. I began to tell you a few minutes ago, when you interrupted me."

"Oh, my goodness gracious!" "Don't disturb yourself. Your secret is perfectly safe with me. But I regret that you should have fallen into the wrong hands. Is there anything I can do to right matters?"

"No, no, no!"

"How do we know that if you have made a mistake Fate has not?"

The young lady was apparently at least calmed by this. At any rate, she seemed interested. I took out my card case, drew a card and, having pencilled my address on it, handed it to her, asking her to let me know how her affair with Will came out. A few moments later the train slowed up, the guard cried, "Dune!" and I handed my new found friend out of the train. She gave me an embarrassed smile at parting. I saw her enter a carriage driven by a coachman in livery and roll away.

I heard nothing more of the matter till one day I received a note signed by a name I did not recognize as among my acquaintances. As soon as I had read a few lines I knew it was from the girl who made the mistake. To keep her promise she informed me that the matter which had come to my knowledge had not materialized. She seemed much mortified at having entered upon it in the way she had.

I wrote asking permission to call and received it. I found one who had lived in affluence, but, having been reduced to want, had gone to the city to earn her living. She had so suffered from loneliness that when a friend undertook to make a match for her in a rather crude way she was tempted. She discovered that the man she was to meet did not suit her.

I found her ready to be consoled in the matter and consoled her, but not without "the bother of courting."

Sidelights on the European War

Leipzig—The opening of the annual spring business fair or "messe," in peace times one of the biggest institutions of its kind in Europe, has been set for Monday, March 6, this year. A year ago the number of exhibitors fell from 4,000 to 2,500 because of the war. This year's prospect is that the number will be more nearly normal than in 1915.

Already there are assured a large number of exhibitors of glass and metal ware, wood, paper, leather, rubber, basketware and toys. The peace-time exhibitors from Russia, France and England, as well as the buyers from those countries, will again be missing, of course, but it is anticipated that they will in part at least be replaced by Germans.

The authorities are arranging to facilitate as far as possible the free movements of all who wish to go to the fair, so that exhibitors, buyers and others shall have a minimum of difficulty about passes, which now are necessary for everyone who travels in Germany.

Vienna—Not a week passes in Austria without women appearing in some new occupation. Women teamsters are now to be seen on the streets, often performing laborious work. The big dairies are employing them to deliver milk to the retail branches, and they are also driving ice-wagons. A chocolate factory is sending out neatly uniformed women wagon drivers. Business motor wagons are being driven by women chauffeurs.

In the big petroleum works women are doing all kinds of work, filling cans, loading them on the wagons, and then going with the drivers and delivering the cans at houses, and collecting the bills.

Frankfort—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Because of her marriage with Count Minotto she has become an Italian citizen, Agnes Sorma, one of Germany's best known actresses, has been denied permission by the military authorities to play in the municipal theatre of Hanau, near here.

Countess Minotto, or Fraulein Sorma as she is better known, has been, since the beginning of the war, a Red Cross nurse, but has frequently appeared on the stage for the benefit of wounded soldiers. Her intended appearance at Hanau was to have been for charity also.

Other military district commanders are less strict than the one who rules over Hanau, for Countess Minotto is scheduled to appear in Flensburg and Dusseldorf before the first of April, the date on which she is to take up her Red Cross duties again. No objection to her appearance in these places has as yet been registered.

London—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—"In my 40 years' experience, I have never known a time

when there was so much money about among the working classes," is the testimony of a pawnbroker doing business in a district of London where a large amount of army materials are manufactured. His testimony is supported by the jewellers, merchants, and variety and moving picture theatres